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Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators Announces Strategic & Legislative Priorities for 194th Session

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators, a 60-member bipartisan and bicameral caucus, is pleased to announce its strategic and legislative priorities for the 194th legislative session.

Following an extensive process that included significant input from members, the Women’s Caucus [Board of Directors](#) finalized a slate of 3 strategic priorities, 5 legislative priorities, and 17 pieces of endorsed legislation. This work was led by a Subcommittee comprised of Women’s Caucus Co-Chairs Sen. Robyn Kennedy (D-1st Worcester) and Rep. Christine Barber (D-34th Middlesex), Vice Chairs Sen. Joan B. Lovely (D-2nd Essex) and Rep. Hannah Kane (R-11th Worcester), as well as Rep. Vanna Howard (D-17th Middlesex), and Rep. Meghan Kilcoyne (D-12th Worcester), and the Women’s Caucus Executive Director Seble Alemu.

The Women’s Caucus strategic priorities will guide its efforts this session to address the issues that disproportionately affect women-identifying individuals across the Commonwealth. The MCWL’s strategic priorities for the 194th session are: Elevating Women’s Economic Opportunity & Eliminating Barriers; Addressing Racial & Gender Disparities in Health Care; and Empowering Women in Government. More information on each of these priorities can be found [here](#). Throughout the 2025-2026 legislative session, the Caucus will support these priorities through legislative advocacy and a variety of other tools.

Related to those strategic priorities, the Caucus also selected 5 legislative priorities, which will receive support from the Women’s Caucus and its Executive Director to advance through the legislative process. The legislative priorities for the 193rd legislative session are, in no particular order:

1. **An Act relative to a livable wage for human service workers** ([H.233](#), Rep. Domb & [S.130](#), Sen. Friedman)
2. **An Act to increase access to disposable menstrual products** ([H.2483](#), Rep. Barber and Rep. Livingstone & [S.1549](#) Sen. Jehlen)
3. **An Act to reduce incidence and death from pancreatic cancer** ([H.2432](#) Rep. Kane, Rep. Gentile & [S.1484](#) Sen. Comerford)
4. **An Act to establish a perinatal behavioral health care workforce trust fund** ([H.2208](#) Rep. Fluker-Reid & [S.1411](#) Sen. Miranda)

5. **An Act relative to gender-neutral language in Elections Law** ([H.804](#) Rep. Blais)

The Caucus also endorsed 17 pieces of legislation, a [full list of which can be found here](#). In addition to this legislative advocacy, the MCWL also continues the work of four [Task Forces](#): Birth Justice, Justice-Involved Women, Sexual Violence, and State Budget. The Caucus is also working to expand a series of non-legislative initiatives, such as mentorship opportunities for MCWL members, support for female-identifying staff, expanding external partnerships, and more.

“Our legislative priorities reflect the urgent, real-world challenges facing women across Massachusetts—from pay inequity and inadequate healthcare access to gaps in representation,” said **Women’s Caucus Co-Chairs Robyn Kennedy (D-1st Worcester) and Representative Christine Barber (D-34th Middlesex)**. “These priorities were shaped by the voices of our members and the communities they serve. We are proud to work together to champion bold, bipartisan solutions that will uplift women and families across the Commonwealth.”

“The Women’s Caucus’ strategic and legislative priorities embody our unwavering commitment to advancing the well-being of women, girls, and families across the Commonwealth,” said **Seble Alemu, Executive Director of the Women’s Caucus**. “Our members bring deep policy expertise, lived experience, and the strength of their communities to this work. We’re proud to uplift their leadership and look forward to the meaningful progress we’ll make together this session.”

Now in its 50th year, the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators is the longest-running bipartisan, bicameral caucus in the nation. With 60 members, it represents over 30% of the state legislature in the 194th legislative session.

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